University they get the backward class scholarships. There are thus three concessions for them. Whatever special concession has been given seems to be sufficient for the present.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—An enquiry at least may be made as to now many boys there are in the college class and how many are in receipt of these concessions.

Dewan.—Very well. Government will call for statistics.

SUBJECT No. 108.

Abolition of the system of moderating marks in the School Final Examination.

Messrs. H. Krishnasastri, Venkatasubbiah and Sambugowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The system of moderating the marks of candidates in the School Final Examination may be discontinued and the Public Examination results alone taken into consideration to declare passes in the examination.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—According to the present system the passes in the S. S. L. C. are generally based on school average and State average. This should be removed.

Dewan.—According to the new rules students are declared to have passed the S. S. L. C., if they get pass marks in the public examination.

SUBJECT No. 109.

Introduction of the compartment system in the Entrance Examination.

Messrs. Mohamed Sait, A. Krishna Rao, M. Venkatakrishniah and N. Desikachar, Mysore City Municipal Council; and C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The compartment system may be introduced in the Entrance examination and the minimum required to pass in english lowered from 40 per cent to 35 per cent to help students to take up professional courses.

Dewan.—After mature consideration, Government passed orders in November 1918 vetoing proposals for introducing the system. It is not likely they will reconsider the matter. When the subject was discussed in the Senate meeting, it was passed by a majority of one. Our idea in introducing the compartment system in the S. S. L. C. course is that this practice should not be repeated in the Entrance class.

SUBJECT No. 110.

Enhancement of rates for the carts employed for taking Mahomedan girls to schools.

Mr. Syed Khaja Peeran, Muslim Association, Tarikere.

Summary of discussion.—The present monthly rate of hire fixed for carts engaged for conveying Mahomedan girls to schools is very low and may be raised, so that suitable carts may be employed for the purpose.

Secretary, Education and Agriculture.—If the people are willing to pay the cost of cart and bullocks, Government will bear the maintenance charges.

Mr. Syed Khaja Peeran.—The present rate of maintenance charges may be increased from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—Government pay now Rs. 12 for maintaining a cart and bulls. Nobody would come for such a low rate. It should be raised to Rs. 15.

Dewan.—We will consider the matter. There is a draft order under consideration.

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Mr. Ananthiah.—A limit should be fixed as to the number of girls that should go in a cart. There should be one cart at least for 20 girls.

SUBJECT No. 111.

Educational Text Books in schools.

(1) Messrs. Anantarajappa and Anantalakshminaranappa, Tumkur Taluk, (2) Messrs. Mahomed Sait, A. Krishna Rao, M. Venkatakrishniah and N. Desikachar, Mysore City Municipal Council, and Shankaranaranappa, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The constant change of Education text books and the adoption of different text books in different schools work very hard upon the poor people. The continuance of the text books once prescribed for not less than 5 years and their uniform adoption in all schools in the State may be ordered.

(2) Text books in schools should not be changed within three years.

Mr. Shankaranaranappa.—Text books should not be frequently changed. Poor students cannot afford to purchase books every year. Every text book should remain in use for at least five years.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—There are many authors on the Text Book Committee. They are the cause of the frequent changes and should not be there. Such frequent changes are also detrimental to efficiency.

Chief Secretary.—The Text Book Committee recommend alternate books. One book is accepted in one school and another in another school.

Mr. M. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—Text books should be uniform throughout the State, and the number of exercise books prescribed for each student should be decreased. Each student now requires about 25 exercise books in a month.

Dewan.—The subject will be referred to the Text Book Committee. Members must remember that Education is advancing rapidly and that boys should not have to read old-fashioned books. Government will issue instructions that text books may not be ordinarily changed oftener than once in three years and that they may be made uniform throughout the State as far as possible. The Inspector-General of Education will be asked to standardise the exercise books. The proceedings of the Text Book Committee will be published in the Gazette.

SUBJECT No. 112.

Proposals to popularise scientific methods of agriculture.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In order to popularise scientific methods of agriculture, the following measures may be adopted:—(1) The students who pass from the Agricultural School at Hebbal may be declared eligible for public service in the same way as S. S. L. C. holders. (2) The number of Government scholarships available to students of the Hebbal Agricultural School may be raised from 2 to 20. (3) The faculty of agriculture may be introduced in the Mysore University.